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SUBJECT: CYPRUS: GREEK MFA ANTICIPATES MAKARIOS WILL
BEAR DOWN ON EOKA-B HOLDOUTS

1. SUMMARY. MFA CYPRUS DESK OFFICER ANTICIPATED GOC MAY PURSUE VIGOROUSLY EOKA-K HOLDOUTS BUT TAKE NO ACTION AGAINST PARASTATE ARMED BANDS THAT ARE PRO-MAKARIOS. GREEK EMBASSY NICOSIA REPORTED TURKS FAVORED FORMULA FOR RELAUNCHING INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS REFERENCING "REACTIVATED" (1972) TALKS WHICH GREEKS FOUND INACCEPTABLE.

2. MFA CYPRUS DESK OFFICER, GOUNARIS, SAID ACCEPTANCE OF MAKARIOS' AMNESTY OFFER BY FEWER THAN 20 PERCENT OF EOKA-B FIGHTERS WAS NOT PARTICULARLY GOOD SHOWING. GOUNARIS SPECULATED MAKARIOS COULD EITHER DEAL WITH EOKA-B ISSUE BY ARRESTING THOSE MEMBERS INVOLVED IN FUTURE INCIDENTS OR HE COULD BEAR DOWN ON EOKA HOLDOUTS ROUTING THEM OUT OF HIDING AND PLACING THEM UNDER ARREST. GOUNARIS ANTICIPATED MAKARIOS WILL TAKE LATTER COURSE INASMUCH AS HE HAS SIZEABLE ANTI-EOKA-B MOMENTUM UNDERWAY, AND SINCE HE COULD EXPECT EVENTUALLY TO FACE SERIOUS
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CONFRONTATION WITH REMNANT EOKA-B. MOREOVER ATHENS

GOVERNMENT IS PERHAPS IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES LESS LIKELY TO TAKE SUPPORTIVE ACTION. GOUNARIS NOTED ALSO THT MAKARIOS HAD INVITED OTHER PARASTATE GROUPS ("PARAKRATIKI") TO DISBAND, BUT THE ARMED GROUPS AS YET HAVE NOT TAKEN UP MAKARIOS' OFFER. MFA OFFICER DOUBTED WHETHER MAKARIOS WOULD PURSUE THESE GROUPS, BECAUSE THEY SUPPORT ARCHBISHOP EVEN THOUGH THEY REPRESENT AN UNSETTLING FACTOR. GOUNARIS THOUGHT THAT IDEAL SOLUTION WOULD BE GRADUAL INCORPORATION OF PARASTATE BANDS INTO TRU UNITS.

3. TURNING TO STALLED INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS, GOUNARIS REMARKED THAT OSORIO-TAFALL WHO REPORTEDLY IS SHOWING THE WEIGHT OF THE CROSS HE IS CARRYING HAS "FORMULA" FOR RELAUNCHING TALKS WHICH HAS APPROVAL OF TURKS BUT NOT GREEKS. FORMULA STATES THAT "REACTIVATED" TALKS (1972) WILL CONTINUE BUT OMITTS MENTION OF 1968 BEGINNING. GREEKS WANT REFERENCE TO 1968 COMMENCEMENT AND TO SYG STATEMENT WHICH INCLUDED WORDS "UNITARY" AS WELL AS "SOVEREIGN, INDEPENDENT" AS BASIS FOR TALKS. TURKS WHO ON OCCASION REGISTERED RESERVATIONS ABOUT "UNITARY" AFTER 1968 FAVOR LANGUAGE FOR RECOMMENCING TALKS TO REFER ONLY TO "1972 REACTIVATED FIVE-PARTY INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS" WITHOUT SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO "UNITARY." GOUNARIS WAS NOT PESSIMISITIC ABOUT PROSPECT OF TALKS RESUMING BUT BELIEVED TAFALL WOULD HAVE TO HAVE ANOTHER ROUND OF EXCHANGES TO FIND MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE LANGUAGE. GOUNARIS TOLD EMBOFF THAT CLERIDES' ACTION BREAKING OFF TALKS WAS DEFINITELY NOT ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM ATHENS. IN HIS OPINION CLERIDES WAS ACTING, HOWEVER, IN CLOSE COLLABORATION WITH MAKARIOS WHO HAD PROBABLY GIVEN HIM GREEN LIGHT TO SEEK EXPLANATION FOR "FEDERATIVE" PROPOSAL AND THEN TO WALK OUT WHEN EXPLANATION UNACCEPTABLE. TASCA

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